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NEWS SUMMARY: Former ESPN Reported Sentenced on Federal Tax Charges

On July 8, 2005, former ESPN reporter, Adrian K. Karsten, of Green Lake, Wisconsin, was sentenced in federal court by U.S. District Judge J. P. Stadtmueller. Karsten, who had previously pleaded guilty to two counts of failing to file federal income tax returns for the years 2000 and 2002, was sentenced to 11 months imprisonment to be followed by nine months of home confinement, subject to electronic monitoring, as part of his two-year term of probation.

This prosecution stemmed from Karsten's failure to file federal income tax returns for the years 1999 through 2002. During those years, Karsten received more than \$600,000 from ESPN where Karsten worked as a broadcast reporter. By failing to file tax returns for these years, Karsten failed to report or pay federal income taxes totaling approximately \$167,000. Under the terms of his sentence, Karsten, who has now filed tax returns for the years in question, is required to cooperate with the IRS in the collection of these taxes, as well as any penalties and interest.

This case was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Matthew L. Jacobs.

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